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John I. Shipp et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 8851
Serial No.: 10/619,987	)	
Filed: June 12, 2003	)	Group Art Unit: 3731
For: SURGICAL LIGATION CLIP AND	)	Examiner: Tuan Van Nguyen
METHOD FOR USE THEREOF	)	

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.


Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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